





Armed Neutrality.

The Journal cannot understand why, having denounced the strong terms of the proposition made by the leaders of the secession party to place Kentucky in a position of armed neutrality during the war, we should now acquiesce in an enunciation in the Governor's recent proclamation.

We confess that we do not think it is at all strange. We think yet the policy we denounce is all we said of it. But the people of Kentucky, bound hand and foot by their false representatives, and denied the privilege of determining the future position of the State, have indicated their wish to occupy for the present a neutral position; and we recognize the right of a majority of the people to thrust the State into the jaws of death, into the gates of hell even, if they wish to do so.

In this respect, we differ, as we have done, from the secessionists. We are ready to acquiesce in the decision of a majority of the legal voters of the State; and in order to settle all domestic differences, we proposed months ago to submit the great question in dispute directly to the people for decision, hoping thereby to avoid the evils of a civil war, or against them, would be respected by all, and unity of action and domestic peace and tranquility thus secured.

It appeared to us, that by this means alone could the sovereign will be satisfactorily and finally made known, the people in action at least, and all danger of civil war avoided.

But those with whom the Journal associates, and who are acting, not only successfully, but with a view to the maintenance of the Union, and to the preservation of the rights of the people, are not so ready to acquiesce in the decision of a majority of the legal voters of the State. They are not so ready to acquiesce in the decision of a majority of the legal voters of the State.

That Oath.

When the Journal charged that we had in our midst a secret oath-bound organization, the object of which was to secure the Union of Kentucky with the Confederate States, we knew it to be a charge of the most serious nature, and we were bound to defend ourselves against it.

In other words, if we are correctly informed, as we believe we are, the members of the only secret political organization which has an existence in Louisville or in the State, swear to support the Constitution, and are required at the same time to support those who have disregarded, and are continually disregarding, the Constitution—swear to take up arms against a majority of their own fellow citizens, and to deliver the land to the hands of a foreign power, and to resist the separation of Kentucky from the Northern Confederacy.

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Among these rights are the freedom of speech and the freedom of the press, neither of which can be strangled by the Federal Government without publicly violating the Constitution.

John Brown and Col. Ellsworth. Virginia is guilty of the blood of two brave, true, fearless men, each of whom that ancient Commonwealth has slain because they dared to fight for freedom.

Col. Ellsworth died in battle. He died as he lived, a good, honest, fearless, conscientious man. He intended to shed the blood of no one, except in his own defense, or in the defense of those whom he came to save. He died without fear and without reproach.

John Brown was the prime mover, the head, of one expedition; Col. Ellsworth was only a subordinate in the other.

Col. Ellsworth, however, did not die in battle. He left his property, with his command, went into a private house, and there he was killed.

Some of our Union-savers, Lincoln worshippers, have been so blinded by their hatred to secession, that they have been led to believe that the Constitution, which the Administration has violated, is not the same as the Constitution which the Administration has violated.

We suppose they would have done the same, had their flags been flying, in commemoration of the death of Col. Ellsworth.

The position of armed neutrality can be maintained for a considerable length of time only by the State, for it is only the State that can maintain it.

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